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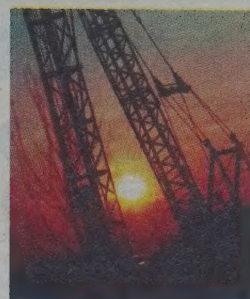
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New ideas aplenty for '08 Extravaganza

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

There's no doubt at all that when the time for the 2008 Christmas Extravaganza, the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and their devoted corps of volunteers will be ready to put on another big show.

At last week's Extravaganza Volunteer Appreciation, ideas for improvement came thick and fast, from large heated tents to shelter the entertainment stage and children's activities, to new time frames for the activities.

"We started this event more than 20 years ago and have carried it on ever since without letting the ball drop," said chamber vice-president Shirley Harms, who chaired the event. "A lot of money is raised for a six- to seven-hour event, and we have the organizers to thank for that."

However, Harms said, "we can't go forward without going back to look at what has been done in the past. We don't want to stop holding these events, and the group's input is so valuable."

Looking back at the 2007 Extravaganza, problems such as lack of communication about the move in location for the entertainment and lack of involvement by some of the businesses vied with triumphs such as having Main Street totally cleared of vehicles for the parade and the absence of rowdy behaviour on the horse-drawn wagon rides.

One suggestion was that prizes be awarded for the best floats in the parade, to motivate more businesses and organizations to enter. The parade route may also need an overhaul, as many are not convinced that the long route used for the Canada Day parade is suitable for cold weather displays. Another suggestion was to combine Extravaganza with the community light-up night.

Moving the date closer to Christmas was also suggested, but that idea was firmly quashed, as most felt it should remain on a payday weekend. A later date would also conflict with the many events on the busy December calendar.

MLA Ray Danyluk suggested the committee "focus on kids. If you focus on events for them, the adults will come."

One thing all agreed on was the need for more volunteers and more involvement. Since Extravaganza is moving ever more toward being a community-wide event, those present felt that everyone is welcome to lend a hand in making what has become one of the community's signature events even bigger, better and brighter in the future.



Vicki Brooker photo

Hutzulka!

Elk Point Metelytsia Dance Club's Group 5 dancers performed a lively dance from the Hutzul region of the Ukraine at the annual supper and mini concert on Saturday evening.

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Planning underway to welcome Thompson Bicentennial canoe brigade

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point will be one of the stops on a historic river voyage this spring. The David Thompson Bicentennial commemorative canoe brigade will arrive here on Saturday, May 17, and plans are underway to give them a warm welcome.

A committee chaired by Town of Elk Point Coun. Bernice Capjack and including representation from the County of St. Paul council and the Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House, held their first meeting last week

to set the wheels in motion.

The brigade, consisting of eight to 10 canoes carrying about 120 voyageurs, is expected to arrive at the river campsite about 5 p.m. The committee is planning a banquet and jamboree that evening where the community can welcome the visitors.

A pancake breakfast is planned for the following morning, before the voyageurs travel to Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre to tour the site and take part in the Great Family Fur Factor Challenge, the first major event at the Forts for the 2008 season.

The Brigade is commemorating explorer David Thompson's triumphant 1808 return trip east to report to the North West Company on his explorations and the discovery of Howse Pass. They will set out from Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site on May 10 and will visit Drayton Valley, Devon, Fort Saskatchewan, Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site and Duvernay en route to Elk Point. The paddlers hope to reach Old Fort William Historic Site near Thunder Bay, ON on July 12. They will travel by canoe almost 3,600 km and will make 35 portages along the way.



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Fire department budget on county table

By MALLORY HOULE
Staff Writer

County of St. Paul council members reviewed the St. Paul Fire Department budget at their Jan. 15 meeting. Figures presented in the budget showed the county's total contribution to the department would be around \$113,813. The main increase in the annual budget was attributed to new gear and equipment for the department, most notably the purchase of Jaws of Life. There was some confusion demonstrated by council members as to whether the newly purchased Jaws of Life machine was a completely new set or merely a replacement. Council decided to table the budget until a meeting with members of the St. Paul Fire Department could be scheduled to review it.

Elk Point Fire Hall /Ambulance Construction Project

Council opted to support a fire hall/ambulance construction project in Elk Point. The proposed project comes with a price tag of an

estimated \$1.28 million and will likely be completed by 2009. A motion was passed to support the project, sharing the costs 50/50 with Elk Point, which also includes the purchase of land for the proposed building site.

Costs raise for school snow removal

Local schools situated in Ashmont, Mallaig and Heinsburg will be expected to pay \$450 for the removal of snow from school property for the 2007/2008 school year. The amount has increased from last year's \$350 charge.

Doctor recruitment

Figures presented at last week's council meeting illustrated that the county incurred a cost of \$4,750 for doctor recruitment in 2007. Members passed a motion to pay the amount, in addition to allocating \$5,000 for recruitment in 2008. Reeve Robert Bouchard reminded council that St. Paul has nearly met the number of doctors required for local medical facilities. "But there's a real need to recruit a psychologist," Bouchard said.

Elk Point flying society

Members of the Elk Point Remote Control Flyers Society met with County of St. Paul council to discuss the direction and development of their organization. Recently, the society obtained permission to use a parcel of land located about 10 km outside of Elk Point to fly their remote control aircraft. A shelter has been constructed at the location for participants.

Elk Point library

By eliminating membership fees for residents of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul, the Elk Point Public Library is hoping to see increased interest in its facilities. The library board is seeking \$1,000 from council to support the venture. Council chose to table the proposal, pending further discussion.

Returning officer

The returning officer for future elections can expect an increase in pay, thanks to a motion passed by council. Instead of receiving \$18 per hour, the returning officer will be given \$22.50 per hour at election time.

Library board grant increase

Council members voted to increase the grant amount for the County of St. Paul library board from \$12,290 to \$25,000.

L.A.R.A.

Ralph McGregor, the vice chair for the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA), presented council with a summary of the organization's responsibilities and goals. McGregor highlighted the association's main endeavors, including regional variety testing, pest monitoring, forage and livestock research, and support for a community garden and horticulture program. To support LARA functioning, McGregor asked council for a 45 per cent increase of \$40,000 in funding, up from \$27,000 in 2007. Council approved a motion to increase funding for the organization.

Council revisits motion to head to court

By MALLORY HOULE
Staff Writer

Confusion pushed County of St. Paul councillors to pass a motion to clarify a November motion that was passed in regards to voter eligibility and the validity of the County of St. Paul election held Oct. 15.

"All we did was clarify an existing motion," said County of St. Paul CAO Kim Heyman. "It in no way affects the court action that's taking place."

At the County council meeting on Nov. 13, council unanimously agreed to apply to the courts "for a determination on the eligibility of voters" after questions were raised regarding the voting of 50 ratepayers who do not live in the county on a full-time basis.

"None of the council questioned that," Heyman said. "In a recorded vote, each and every councillor agreed. There was no discussion."

Some ratepayers have expressed concern that the County of St. Paul's application to the Court of Queen's Bench goes above and beyond their original motion, where they sought an interpretation on the correct interpretation of the word "residence."

County ratepayer Bill Harder, whose vote was amongst those that were challenged, said in an affidavit filed with the court that he supported the county seeking the advice of the courts as to the proper interpretation of the term "residence," but didn't support a challenge to the result of the election, which "to the best of my knowledge, has not been authorized by the council of the County of St. Paul."

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Former Fishing Lake councillor charged

An investigation launched last year by the Elk Point/Fishing Lake RCMP detachment and the Metis Settlements Ombudsman office concluded this month and resulted in charges being laid against a former Fishing Lake Metis Settlement council member, according to an RCMP press release.

Travis James Daniels, 29, of Fishing Lake, has been charged with one count of breach of trust by a public officer, a charge stemming from the joint investigation.

Last year, the Metis Ombudsman office received a complaint from residents of the Fishing Lake Settlement, centred on possible wrong doings within the community. An

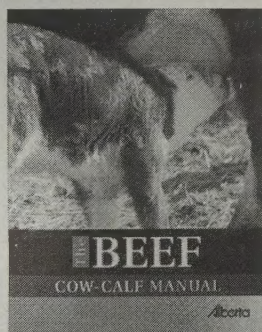
investigation was conducted by the governing entity and pertinent information regarding suspected criminal wrong doings was forwarded to the Elk Point/Fishing Lake RCMP.

Detachment members pursued a further investigation. Elk Point/Fishing Lake RCMP said in a press release that the individual in question was in an alleged conflict of interest regarding the awarding of a gravel-hauling contract while he was still a member of the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Council.

On Jan. 17, 2008 Elk Point RCMP arrested and charged Daniels. He is scheduled to appear in provincial court on Feb. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

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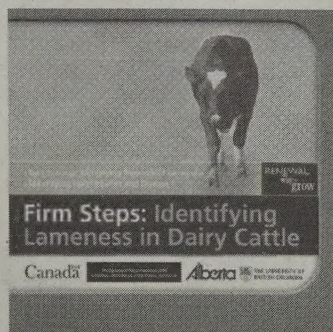
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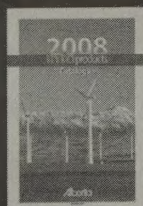
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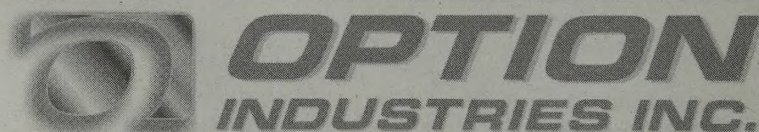
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Founders honoured at trail map launch

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

Leaders of four prestigious trail associations were joined by two provincial cabinet ministers and numerous municipal leaders tourism and trail user group representatives in St. Paul on Saturday for a celebration of trails and the launch of the Northeast Alberta Trails map.

TransCanada Trail national director Valerie Pringle, Alberta TrailNet executive director Linda Strong-Watson and Minister of Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture Hector Goudreau received a warm welcome to St. Paul from the capacity crowd at the Centennial Senior Citizen Centre.

Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk, North East Muni-Corr Ltd. chair Robert Bouchard, Muni-Corr administrative coordinator Marianne Price and Riverland Recreational Trail Society chair Sheila Thompson combined forces to tell the story of the Iron Horse Trail from purchase to present.

Danyluk was a County of St. Paul councillor when the county purchased the original stretch of abandoned railbed from CN Rail, and attended the first meeting of interested individuals from the Heinsburg and Elk Point areas where potential uses of the linear property were discussed.

"Roy Scott was at that meeting," Danyluk recalled, "and he said, 'We've got to keep it,' and everybody else agreed."

Recreational groups

Wrong Guy

The initials were right but the surname was wrong. Our apologies to Guy Genereux of Victim Services, who was inadvertently referred to as Guy Germain in last week's Community Advisory Policing Committee coverage.

municipalities and history buffs have all played significant roles since that time, Danyluk said. "It took everybody coming together and working together. We should be proud of what we have done."

Today, Danyluk said, "there is still so much to be done, in our eyes, but others look to us as leaders in trail development."

"All of us here know the history," Bouchard said. "Most of you were part of the exercise. I give a tremendous amount of credit to the founding members."

A major accomplishment this year, he added, was that "the sitting board paid back every cent the municipalities had advanced" to Muni-Corr when the rail line from Radway to St. Paul and Cold Lake was purchased. "We did sell the parcels of adjacent land, we've set up a trust account for infrastructure and we have \$1.5 million in the bank. Everyone has done a super, super job of taking this from municipal property to a working trail."

Bouchard said the trail was a "community accomplishment. The biggest part of the history was to bring together 10 municipalities and getting them to work in one direction, and to see the clubs with snowmobiles, horses and snowmobiles come together in the Riverland Recreational Trail Society."

A video view of the entire trail put together by Jerry Bidulock was narrated by Marianne Price, who spoke on the social, health and economic benefits of the trail "as it goes through the heart of all the little communities."

"We are here to celebrate the importance of trails in Alberta," Thompson said. "It all started in 1999. We gave the Trans Canada Trail Foundation to thank for that. The year was right to leave a legacy, and then the impossible happened: CN announced they were abandoning the Coronado subdivision." Thompson thanked

the original directors for all their work in "the preservation of a historic route," and noted, "we've been at this less than 10 years. In the next 10 years, we're looking for increases in visitors, for agricultural tourism, historical tourism and other developments along the trail."

Bouchard presented plaques to founding board members Mike Franchuk and Eugene Watamaniuk of Smoky Lake, Ray Melendez of Vilna, Catherine Wiebe of Bonnyville and Hansa Thaleshar of Cold Lake, three-year member Ken Foley from the MD of Bonnyville, past board members Carole Carpenter of Smoky Lake, Eva Urlacher, MD of Bonnyville and Ray Prevost, Bonnyville. Not in attendance were Lyle Frisby and Ed Buck, who represented Elk Point on the board, Romeo Lauzon, Bonnyville, Bill Barnes, Cold Lake, John Trefanenko, St. Paul, Larry Cherniwchan and Darel Cholak, County of Smoky Lake, Bruce Drake, Allan Buck and Jerry Kolowski of Cold Lake. Bouchard also introduced current board members Johnny Doonanco, Dwayne Yaremkevich, Ed English, Ernie Isley and Laouie Danyluk.

Special presentations recognized the contributions of Bidulock, the founding president of the Riverland Recreational Trail Society, who was instrumental in the saving of the picturesque trestles along the route and to Marvin Bjornstad, its second president, who brought in the historical aspect.

Goudreau congratulated the municipalities "who

worked so hard," and said the presentations were "a testament to that hard work. A lot of areas of Alberta are looking at this project, and it's a challenge for municipalities to work together as you have, to create a world class trail with a tremendous draw."

A government pilot project to support tourism development resulted in the development of an exciting product, Goudreau said.

"With all choices out there, we knew there needed to be a single resource. We now have this resource, a map featuring northeast Alberta's trail system, so people can not only enjoy the trails but so they can become ambassadors for them. The trails draw visitors, creating economic development opportunities."

Goudreau said the map's creation was only possible "with a lot of collaboration. It's a great example of partnerships that can be built over the years."

"This is it!" enthused Strong-Watson, waving one of the newly printed maps.

"We've know for some time that it was needed. TrailNet receives numerous requests for maps and information." She explained that; the map shows approved trails "that exist under land manager permissions. We anticipate updates. The provincial parks had not done GPS on their trails, and now they're moving ahead with that."

Strong-Watson said the map is "the first in what we see as a province-wide series of seven or eight maps. It's been a very successful project."

Behind the map, she

noted, is "a lot of GPS information, which will evolve into a provincial trail database that will create a new land management tool, so other users will be notified that there is a trail on the landscape. It is a planning tool for trails and connectors."

"What you are doing here is fantastic," Pringle said. "It's a great honour to congratulate Alberta TrailNet on this first for Alberta."

The TransCanada Trail,

Pringle noted, "now connects communities across Canada, and comes to where you are. It makes my heart sing." The TCT is "so exciting. It's a visionary exercise. People will have this for generations. It's a national legacy, and you are part of that dream."

Following the presentation, a number of snowmobilers and one team and wagon headed down the trail for a trip to Edouardville staging area.

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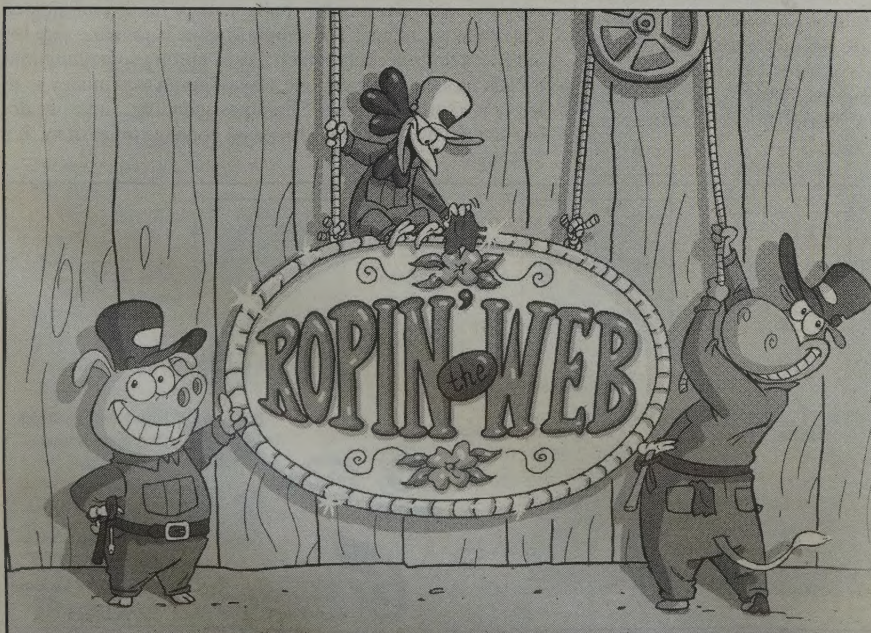
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EDITORIAL

Quarter century of success

Sincere congratulations to the Elk Point Oilmen's Association, as they prepare to greet participants for their 25th annual Oilmen's Bonspiel.

This hugely successful event has become a winter tradition in our community, appearing as surely as Groundhog Day, cheering up the coldest month with the flurry of activity and reminding us that winter would soon be on the wane.

In the beginning, we recall that some said an oilmen's bonspiel would never work in Elk Point. Boy, were those pessimists wrong! From the very first bonspiel, this has been a roaring success, larger some years than others, but still bringing far more curlers to town than any other on our local schedule.

Even in years of plummeting oil prices, the oilmen were willing to park their trucks, put down their wrenches and come and have fun while they forgot the doom and gloom for a few precious days each year.

Not only have the oilmen been able to attract a crowd of curlers each year, they have also been able to maintain a healthy volunteer base to plan and carry out the tasks involved in putting on the bonspiel, a phenomenon which many other local organizations definitely envy.

Very few organizations continue to thrive in this fashion after a quarter century, and there is no doubt that this year's bonspiel will be another great success.

All the best to the Elk Point Oilmen's Association as they continue to make bonspiel history.

Way Back When...

Sliders, schools and rising costs

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22 IN...

1988

Elk Point Sliders, a team made up of Dorothy Cardianl, Kelly Currey, Jason Smereka, Anthony Bayduza and Mark Boulter, brought home four gold medals from the North East Alberta Winter Games in Lac La Biche. Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club hosted their traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve supper, followed by a mini concert.

1993

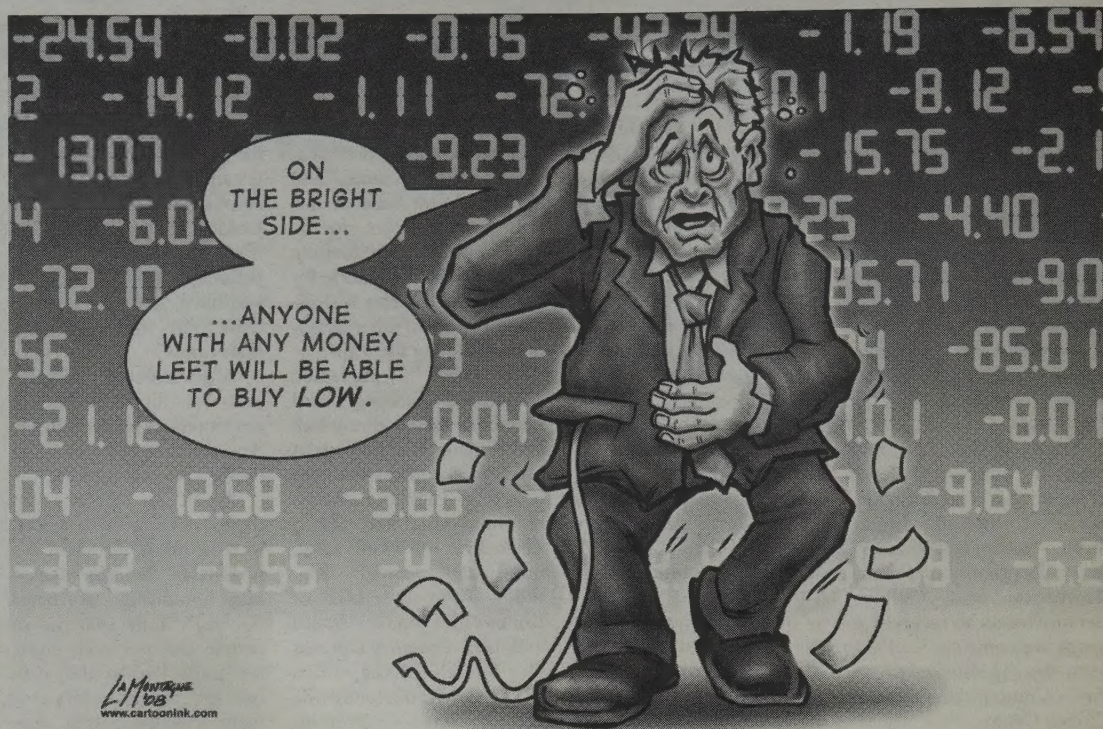
A new concept in community centre planning was discovered by Mayor Ed Buck in his capacity of school board trustee and found that some such facilities were being combined with schools. Two years of planning, fundraising and carrying out the details of the Bicentennial of Fort George and Buckingham House were wrapped up into a 50-page report presented by coordinator Billie Milholland at the Bicentennial committee's final meeting.

1998

Former MLA John Drobot passed away suddenly at the age of 71, after serving the area as councillor, reeve and MLA for nearly 30 years. Elk Point's new garbage bylaw received some fine tuning, with Mayor Ed Buck pointing out that the new bylaw did not say that garbage pickup would be moved from alley to curbside, nor did it say that the town would no longer plow the alleys.

2003

Utility costs were on the rise as Town Council voted to increase water and sewer by \$5 per month and garbage collection by \$3 per month to help cover the cost after the previous year saw a \$23,100 deficit for water, \$24,200 for sewer and \$13,200 for garbage. Sgt. Lyle Marianchuk reported that the Elk Point RCMP's 2002 file count was up 10 per cent overall from the previous year, with a substantial 26 per cent increase in incidents reported in town.



GUEST COLUMN

Financial bondage

The term "financial bondage" can apply to anyone at any time in a person's life. Now that December is over, our January bills could have put us in this situation if we weren't careful. Because it is January, and we have a whole 11 months until December, let us look at the whole picture and decide to do something about our financial situation.

There is a story that Sheri Drew tells about going forward by backing up that makes sense. Sheri works for a book publishing company and one December they realized their company had a problem. It was a good news/bad news situation. The good news was that they were inundated with orders - from book stores, chain stores, customers - everyone, it seemed, with the volume of orders being considerably larger than ever before. The bad news? The sophisticated fulfillment system in their distribution system was overwhelmed. And in early December it became clear that they had to do something drastic or risk disappointing many customers. The only solution was to "break" the automated system running the warehouse by disabling certain functions so they could fill the orders manually. What this meant was that they needed many more workers to start round-the-clock shifts running six days a week.

One night, or early morning, around 1:00 a.m., there was a lull in Sheri's assembly line job so she decided to run to a nearby all-night grocery store to buy treats for everyone who was working the night shift. This can be scary, as this area where the distribution centre was located is not "in the best part of the city." Anyway, Sheri was zipping unobstructed along a thoroughfare when suddenly, BAM! She hit something. At the same time, the car began to vibrate and veer sharply to the right, and it was all she could to steer the vehicle to the side of the road before it came to a dead

stop. She got out of the car and looked under it. All she could see was a big black thing. The question was, what was it? Anyway, the car wouldn't go forward. She got worried because she could see what looked like a group of men heading her way. She called roadside assistance, and reached an operator. Explaining that her vehicle was completely disabled, she told him that she needed a wrecker and pronto. The operator seemed but marginally interested in her plight and put her on hold. Finally he came back with the news that he'd located a wrecker but it would be two hours before he could get there.

"Oh no!" she blurted. "In two hours, I'll be dead!" Again, the operator put her on hold until finally she hung up and was about to call 911 when a police car with red rotating lights pulled up behind her. She can't remember being so happy to see those rotating lights. The officer used his flashlight and couldn't tell what was under the car either. Then a thought occurred to Sheri.

"I wonder if I should try backing up. The car won't go forward, maybe backing up will dislodge it." He agreed it was worth a try, so she got in the car, put it in reverse, and backed up a few inches, at which point a black, metal object popped out.

"Oh my goodness," the officer said, holding up the heavy, misshapen object. "Do you know what this is? It's a street lamp," he said. "No wonder it's so dark on this stretch of road." He pointed up at the top of a nearby lamppost that was conspicuously absent a street lamp. They checked underneath the car to make sure nothing had been punctured, and a few minutes later, Sheri was on her way again.

Now, how does this story relate to financial bondage? Actually, when you think about it, sometimes we need to stop and assess our situation before we go forward. For example, does our monthly budget allow for the anticipated Christmas spending? The simple answer is to make sure we have a savings account which has us putting something into it each month. If we do, one way of using that money is to apply it to our December Christmas spending, and if we do, our January wouldn't be a financial bondage time for us. It's a thought.



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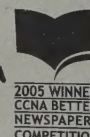


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Another successful tourney

If you host it, they will come, and they did. They came all the way from the home town of the Sutter brothers, Viking; Cold Lake was there, two teams from Vermilion and Marwayne. The Novice Hurricanes two-day tournament turned into a huge success both on the ice and in the cash register.

In their first game the Hurricanes played against Viking. Brodie Grykuliak with a goal and two assists on goals by the twin towers, the two big power forwards, Amy Harms and Hayley Vinge both scoring as well, goalie Ryan McGee doing an superb job of holding down the fort.

In their second game on Saturday the Hurricanes played against the Cold Lake Ice, Brodie Grykuliak with four goals in this one, Hayley Vinge scoring another assisted by her partner Amy Harms, Colton Cardinal and Noah Barber finding the mesh in the back of the net as well. Goalie Nathaniel Roberts was sharp in the cage for this one.

On Sunday the Hurricanes were really pumped up when they came to play, rocking to the music in the dressing room. They played their best game of the weekend, when they took on Vermilion #1 A hat trick for Brodie Grykuliak, two goals for Brody Odgaard and a single for Hayley Vinge, Nathaniel Roberts and Noah Barber getting the helpers. Colton Cardinal in net for the third game was just awesome, standing on his head, coming up with some very big saves.

Congratulations to all the coaches and parents for another job well done.

Irma has always had a terrific girls hockey program, they have won the female provincials many times. This year is no exception, they still have a very strong team, as our bantam girls found out when they traveled there on Friday night. The girls have taken a beating on the score board a few times this year, but the one thing they never do is give up, they just keep on ticking.

Asking anyone to play a game at 8 a.m. Saturday morning in Cold Lake is just plain cruel. But, what can



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you do, it's not like here where you can start the games later in the day and take as much time as you wish to play, ice time in Cold Lake is a real premium. The Atom Avalanche were up at 6 a.m. Saturday morning and on the road traveling north to Cold Lake for an 8 a.m. start. I guess the one positive is they do have a Tim Horton's in Cold Lake, but it's a long drive

for a good strong coffee. Dylan Odgaard scoring a TSN highlight reel goal, Colin "Naz Jr." Nazarchuk also getting a tally and another great game behind the mask for goalie Matthew Mahoney. Earlier in the week on Wednesday night the Atom Avalanche played a provincial round robin game, losing out to Paradise Valley.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "I think the game has gotten better with the two man ref system, keeps players from taking cheap shots. I never thought I would like it considering the way I like to hack." Last week's answer to: "I've got nothing to say and I'm only going to say it once." - former Maple Leafs coach, Floyd Smith.

A good weekend of hockey

Elk Point's Novice Hurricanes played host to five teams from across northeast Alberta this weekend, and had a great time on and off the ice.



A new agency is powering utilities regulation in Alberta

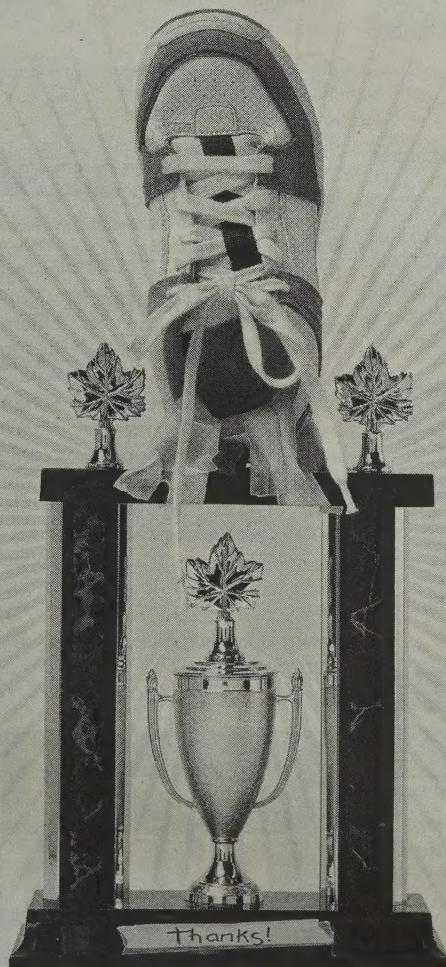
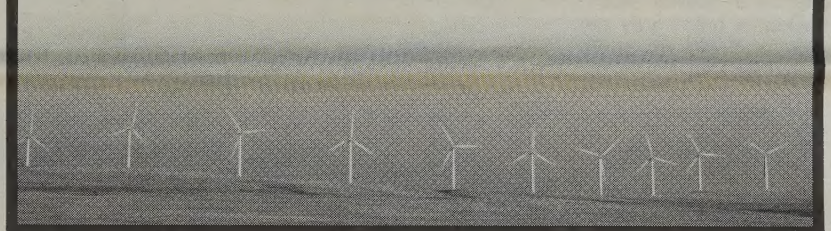
On January 1, 2008, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) became the cornerstone of Alberta's regulatory framework for an expanding utilities sector.

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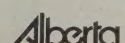
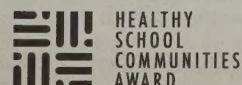


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Christmas bird count is in



Birds were in the air during the Christmas bird count. From top to bottom is a downy woodpecker, a great grey owl and a flock of cedar waxwings.

**SUBMITTED BY
PAUL E. BOISVERT**

Thirty-seven bird observation reports have been submitted by more than 45 persons during this year's Christmas Bird Count, which was carried out between Dec. 14, 2007 and Jan. 5, 2008.

Observations at feeders and in the field were made in the Town of St. Paul as well as throughout the County of St. Paul. The most surprising observation has to be the young Sandhill Crane that has decided to remain with cattle on a St.

Lina area farm rather than migrate to the US Midwest. The solitary robin reported in St. Paul is not a rare thing but always is a surprise to the observer, as we don't expect them to be here at this time of year. In reality, most birds that nest in this area during the spring and summer could survive here over the winter if they had a suitable place to roost during the nights and on the coldest days. One would be surprised at how much natural food is available most winters. As the planting of fruit and seed bearing plants (trees and shrubs) increases, the quantity and diversity of the food available over the winter months is more plentiful.

For the benefit of those birders who are interested in such things, the numbers of last year's counts are also given. While the fluctuations in yearly numbers are interesting, we must remember that figures from two years do not give a good picture of trends in bird populations.

While the number of different species remains fairly

constant, the differences in number of wax-wings and snow buntings is notable. The lack of Starlings at any one of the many feedlots in the County is also interest-

ing. This is a very hardy bird that some ornithologists believe will eventually over-run some of the current species found in the Parkland of Alberta.

We are asking anyone who observes unusual birds over the winter to write in to this paper and share the information with the many birders in this area.

Annual Town and County of St. Paul C.B.C.

SPECIES	#2007	#2006	SPECIES	#2007	#2006
Black-Capped Chickadee	237	250	House Sparrow	370	537
Red Breasted Nuthatch	46	9	White Breasted Nuthatch	38	12
Magpie	74	139	Blue Jay	46	31
Pine Grosbeak	242	211	Evg. Grosbeak	137	47
Rock Dove (Pigeon)	78	131	Mourning Dove	- 0 -	2
Raven	105	109	Starling	- 0 -	7
Bohemian Wax-wing	1025	370	Robin	1	- 0 -
Hairy Wdpckr.	25	15	Downy Wdpckr.	26	24
Pileated Wdpckr.	3	1	3-toed Wdpckr.	- 0 -	1
Common Redpoll	348	290	Hoary Redpoll	284	53
Dark-eyed Junco	8	22	Pine Siskin	40	40
Purple Finch	30	22	House Finch	2	- 0 -
Gold Finch	- 0 -	2	Snow Buntings	425	750
White Winged Crossbill	14	20	Gray Partridge	29	61
Ruffed Grouse	27	28	Sharp-tail Grouse	14	7
Nthrn. Shrike	5	2	Merlin	1	3
Great Horned Owl	4	4	Great Gray Owl	3	3
Snowy Owl	1	2	Saw-weth Owl	2	- 0 -
Nthrn Goshawk	1	3	Sandill Crane	1	- 0 -
TOTAL SPECIES	34	35	TOTAL # OF INDIVIDUALS	3, 962	3, 208

Yarns over yarn at Elk Point Library

**By DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian**

We're taking a page from one of Debbie Macomber's very popular books, "A Good Yarn," and holding a "Knit-In" at the library.

The growing popularity of knitting has sparked the idea of gathering a group together to show off their projects, share ideas and techniques, enjoy some

snacks and maybe to tell a yarn or two. Carol Hellquist will join the knitters at the library on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to guide us through the rough spots and help beginners get started, so bring your yarn and needles and come on down.

Cards, yes. Fees, no.

Even though residents of the town of Elk Point and

the County of St. Paul will not have to pay a membership fee for their 2008 Elk Point Municipal Library card, they still will need a membership card to take out materials. If you were not a previous member, you will be required to have proof of residency, such as a driver's license, phone or utility bill, before your library card can be issued.



Tools stolen

Elk Point RCMP report that sometime between the late evening of Dec. 27 and the late evening of Dec. 30, unknown suspect(s) entered the Fishing Lake Métis

Settlement Oilfield Hauling shop. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole numerous mechanic tools. Due to the large volume of tool that were taken, the RCMP feels a truck or SUV may have been used to transport the tools.

Elk Point RCMP are requesting anyone with information about the above crime contact the Detachment at 724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information that leads to the arrest

County gives go-ahead to transfer station

**By MALLORY HOULE
Staff Writer**

Following a contention-riddled debate, County of St. Paul council members made a decision to share costs with the Town of St. Paul to develop a waste transfer station. The transfer station will be located just north of town, next to the St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Plant.

"It will be built. It needs to be built," said Reeve Robert Bouchard during the Jan. 15 County of St. Paul meeting. "We've kept up

with the politics long enough."

Town and county councillors have been discussing the project since late 2003, with no firm resolution, until now.

While the majority of council members were in favour of a motion to enter in a joint venture with the town, Coun. Maxine Fodness remained steadfastly opposed to the idea.

"We've not seen the projected costs," Fodness said. "We've not seen any budget. How are we going to

make a decision with no numbers in front of us?"

Bouchard countered Fodness' points, arguing that the decision had taken long enough.

"We're making the decision based on the principle of a joint venture with the municipality," Bouchard said. "St. Paul is the last community to move forward and all because of its politics."

A motion to cooperate with the town to develop the transfer station was passed, with six councillors voting for the motion and Fodness voting against the motion.

Seventy-five per cent of the cost for developing and constructing the transfer station will be covered by provincial grants. The remaining 25 per cent will be divided between the town and county, with the respective costs yet to be determined.

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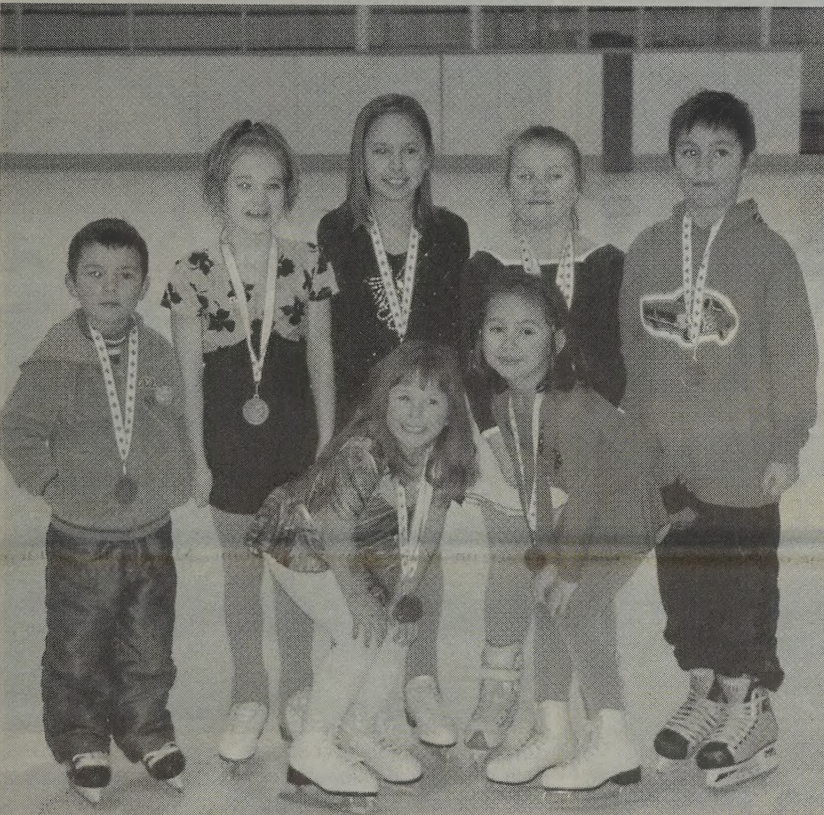
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Award winning skaters

Senior skaters Elizabeth Orr, Samantha Braun, Natasha Demers and Katie Magosse show off their medals from a Jan. 11 and 12 competition in Cold Lake. Their coach is Dennell Anderson.

CanSkate and Junior Skills skaters who took part in the meet were (below, left to right) Wolke Cueva, Shayla Cameron, Kayla Goertzen, Keanna Radcliffe and Lyon Cueva, (front, left to right) Moriah Brunner and Catherine Nofall. "They all skated really well and had lots of fun," said coach Jessica Salomon.



Senior skaters earn medals

The senior skaters attending the Cold Lake meet brought home a total of eight medals from the competition.

Elizabeth Orr, who won a gold in preliminary elements and silver in preliminary free skate at a Dec. 18 competition in Whitecourt, won gold in preliminary elements, silver in preliminary free skate and

bronze in junior bronze skills in Cold Lake. Samantha Braun won bronze in junior bronze elements.

Natasha Demers won silver in both preliminary creative and pre-introductory interpretive.

Katie Magosse won gold in preliminary creative and bronze in preliminary free skate.

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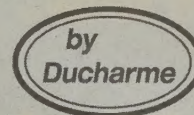
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Elk Point's Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club presented a delightful mini concert on Saturday night following their annual potluck supper. At left, Group 3 dances the exuberant Zabava, while above, the lovely young ladies of Group 4 present a dance from the Bukovenian region.

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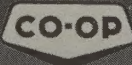
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The club's smallest dancers. Group 1, danced a delightful Poltava for the appreciative crowd of parents and grandparents.



Three young cossacks from Group 2 put their best foot forward in the Poltava, above.

Soloist Leigha Bishop danced a graceful number from the Transcarpathian region. The mini concert was just a preview of the fine dancing the community will enjoy when the club presents their annual spring concert at the end of April.

Vicki Brooker photos



Elk Point Oilmen's Association
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25th Annual
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January 23 to 26, 2008
at Elk Point Curling Club

Welcome from the EPOA President

Now that Christmas has passed and we have ventured into the new year of 2008, it is my pleasure to welcome Oilmen from near and far to the 25th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel. I personally have only been a part of the last five; however it is easy to understand how this event has withstood the ever-changing landscape of the oil and gas industry in this area. Over the life of this Bonspiel, there have been numerous oil companies and service companies come and go, not to mention the employees who have moved on to bigger and better things.

Each year, the die-hard "Oilmen's Bonspiel regulars" unite, in the relaxed, reunion-like atmosphere that only an event of this nature can provide. Anyone who has visited our curling rink during this bonspiel has witnessed this camaraderie. They have seen the participants reminiscing about previous games and eagerly anticipating future contests that await them.

It is within the "hallowed walls" of the Elk Point

Curling Club that you will witness personnel from oil companies, service and supply companies, truckers, welders, pipe fitters, construction workers and anyone else involved with the oil and gas industry, all under one roof. They will be dissecting each shot of the previous game, with analysis of what should have happened and what actually did happen. They will be wondering why the outcome of each shot was NOT EXACTLY AS IT WAS PLANNED! Then someone will remind everyone that they are NOT CURLERS... they are OILFIELD WORKERS! You might occasionally hear conversations about whose truck is cleaner, why Chevy can outperform Dodge and Ford and what the perfect temperature of beer should be. If you are extremely lucky, you might even hear some of the combatants discussing work (although this has only happened twice in the entire 25 years!).

All kidding aside, I hope that everyone has fun and enjoys the fellowship. I know the town looks forward to

this time of year as it means that we get to show off our community and everything it has to offer.

I would like to say thank you to some people, who without their help we could not put on this Bonspiel: Curtis Porcina for making the ice; the Elk Point Curling Club for running the lounge; Tim Smereka, Al MacDonald and Preston Krankowski for all the organization; The Elk Point Oilmen's Association members for helping out wherever necessary; all the businesses who donated prizes or funds to help offset expenses; all entrants for taking time away from work to attend and enjoy the function; Wanda Cochran and the French Club for operating the courtesy van.

I hope everyone has fun and stays safe. Remember... DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

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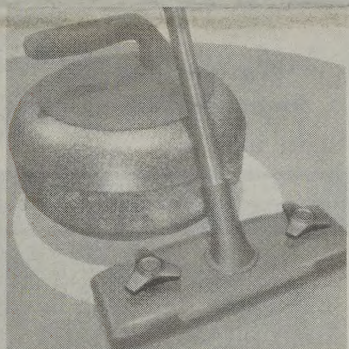


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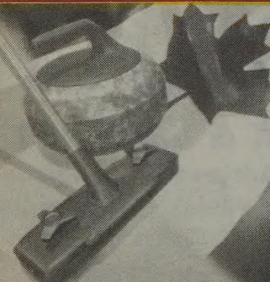
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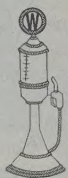


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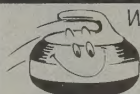
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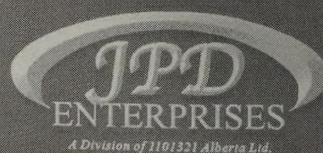


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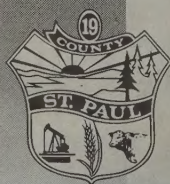
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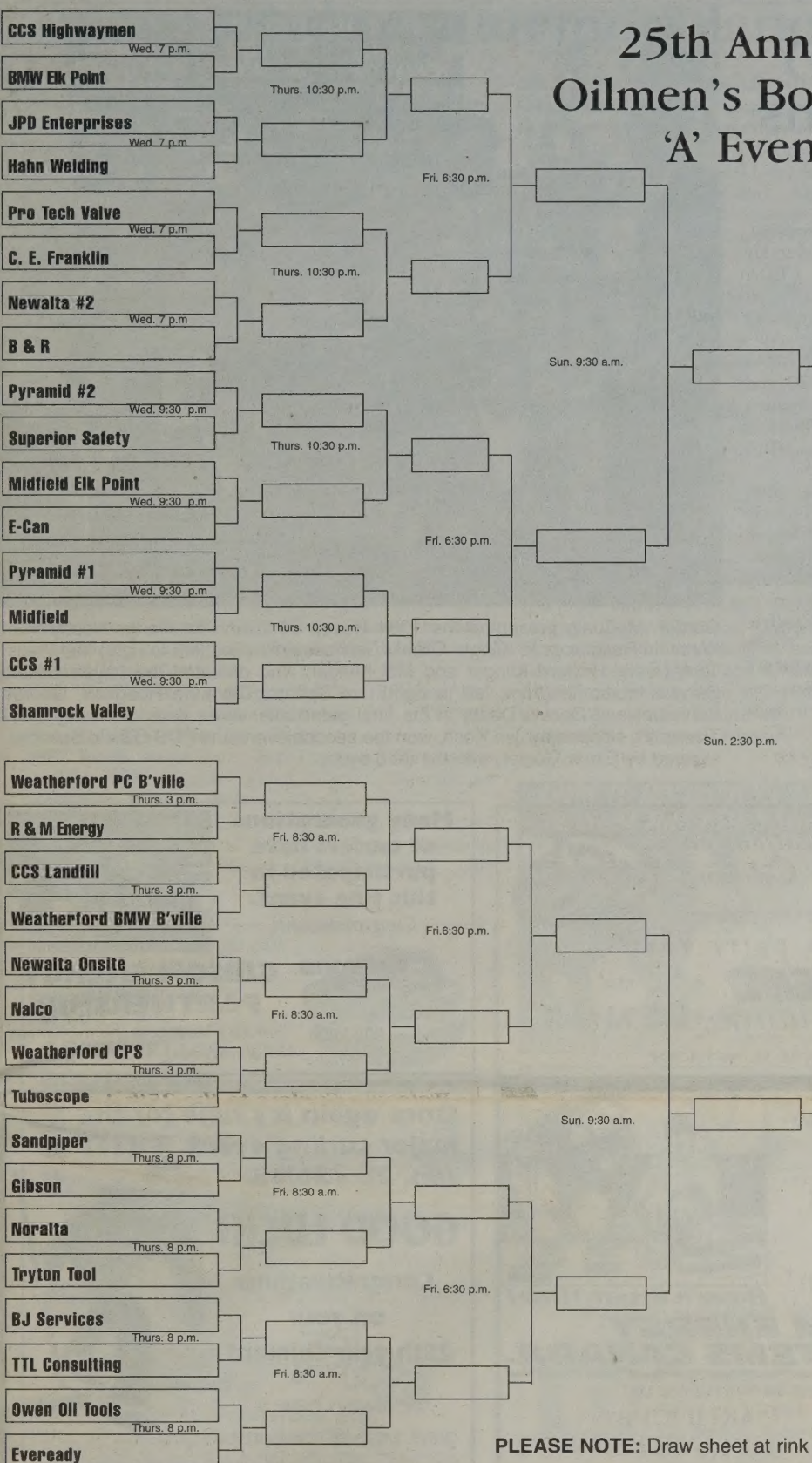


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Gordon McCuaig presented the 1984 Heavy Oil Grand Challenge trophy from Westmin Resources to Klinger Oilfield Services rinkmates (left to right) Mel Wells, Terry Lively, Richard Klinger and Mel Klinger, who defeated the Leyen Oilfield Service foursome (front, left to right) Jim Spears, Clarence Hodgson, George Schreiber and Darwin Dean) in the final game after three days of curling. B&R Transport, skipped by Jim Kosh, won the second event and FDS Oilfield Services, skipped by Elmer Goulet, won the third event.

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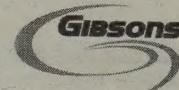
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1992: Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Lyle Yerama); B&R Eckels (Victor Rocque); Universal (Morris Yakubowski); Nowasco (Ron Rusnak).

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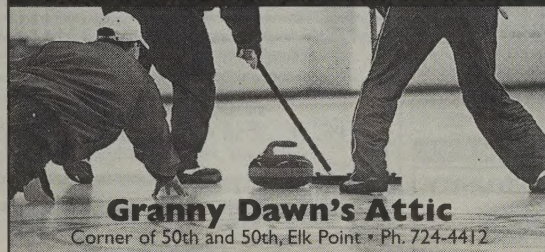
2005 - Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski), Talaca Oilfield Consulting (Murray Cochrane), Jorvik, (Sheldon Ballas), R& M Energy (Ken Ferece).

2006 - BJ Services (Jeff Latos), Richland (Terri Breen),



The 10th Annual Oilmen's Spiel saw B & R Eckels curlers Victor Rocque, Wayne Hanson, Denis Ringuette and Don Hanson accepting the Norcen Energy Resources Grand Challenge trophies from Allan Frankiw after their win over (Front, left to right) Universal's Morris Yakubowski, Trevor Acker, Vince Armstrong and Trevor Whalen.

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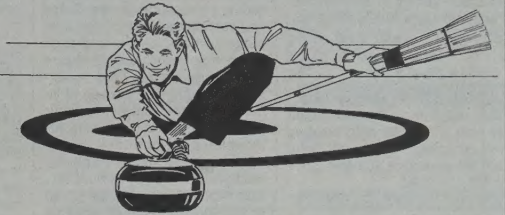
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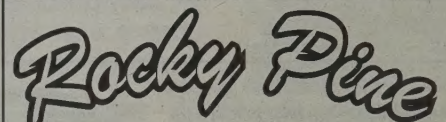
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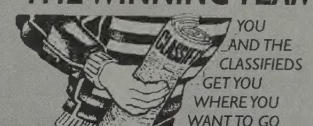
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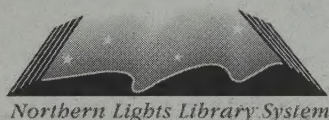
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Council revisits motion

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According to Heyman, the recent motion, which was passed at last Tuesday's meeting, was merely to clarify in county records the council's intent of going to court.

The motion acknowledges that county council approved the resolution to make an application to the Court of Queen's bench to determine voter eligibility. The motion goes on to say that "council understood such an application could raise the issue of impact on the validity of the election," and that "council does ratify and confirm the scope of the relief sought in the said court action."

Heyman explained that a judge will be deciding the impact of voter eligibility in the 2007 election and that county council has nothing to do with the process.

The decision to clarify the existing motion came on a recommendation from the county's legal representation.

Coun. Maxine Fodness expressed her aversion to the motion brought before council.

"This is already before the courts and to change this now...I'm not in favour of this," Fodness said. "This is very inappropriate. I have legal representation and I was not given an opportunity to consult with them."

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